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To whom it may concern.

I am opposed to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does not fully redress the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

The settlement does not solve the problem. Microsoft would be allowed to keep the profits it gained through actions the court has shown to be illegal. Competitors who were unfairly treated would not be compensated. The monopoly that Microsoft illegally created would be allowed to continue unchecked.

Microsoft has broken the law. That has been shown clearly in the courts. The response here is essentially to create new laws to restrict Microsoft's actions. If the only punishment for breaking a law is to have new laws enacted, then what dis-incentive is there for breaking the new laws?

Microsoft has made it clear that it will do anything it can to increase its monopoly. It has taken virtually every legal action available, and has taken several illegal actions as well. This was demonstrated clearly in the court case. It is not appropriate to trust them to change their actions. They must be forced into compliance with the law.

The problem is that Microsoft will do anything that it feels it will make a profit from. If it sees that it will make a profit from taking actions that happen to be illegal, it will do so. This corporation has demonstrated repeatedly for several years that the only issue driving it is profit. Therefore, it is vital that the government make it clear to Microsoft that violating the law is not profitable. This settlement does not do that. It leaves Microsoft with a hefty profit, and it leaves Microsoft's competitors crippled by Microsoft's illegal actions. This in no way presents a disincentive to Microsoft to continue their illegal activities.

Thank you,  
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